

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi's Statement on the 40th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassination

Sacramento, CA- California Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement today on the fortieth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Today we celebrate the life of a man who changed the character of a nation. A man whose life was cut short 40 years ago, but whose message of hope, inspiration and social justice resonates as loudly today as it did those forty long years ago.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. brought the struggle to end segregation and ensure equal rights for all to the forefront of America's conscience. His impassioned words and his fearless actions ennobled a world. Dr. King's dream of a just society, an America where every child's future is filled with possibilities and his strong belief in nonviolence literally changed the course of a nation.

"Dr. King had an unwavering belief that tomorrow would be better than today; that there would be a future anchored in dignity and mutual respect among all people and all communities.

"As we reflect on the life of Dr. King, we are bound not only to remember the accomplishments already reached, but we must to continue on the path toward equality and dignity, built with the tools of peace and shared sacrifice."

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